

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 3733**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	Attorney Docket No.: 31132.783
Zucherman et al.	§	Previous Attny. Docket No.: 19433A-
	§	008310US
Application No.: 10/685,134	§	Customer No.: 46333
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Filed: October 14, 2003	§	Group Art Unit: 3733
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For: TOOLS FOR IMPLANTING AN	§	Examiner: Mary C. Hoffman
ARTIFICIAL VERTEBRAL DISK AND	§	
METHOD	§	Confirmation No.: 4485

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the final Office Action of November 21, 2007, entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.